

THIS RED CABOOSE is being placed on a short set of tracks along Heber City's Main St. and will soon serve as a tourist information booth for the Chamber of

Commerce. Men from the Wasatch Mountain Railway Co. and crane operators from the Clark Engineering Co., of Orem combine to get the job done.

## Heber Creeper Red Caboose To Serve as CC Info Booth

HEBER CITY — The little red caboose that has trailed along behind the steaming Heber Creeper for three years has been set to rest on a pair of tracks along Heber's Main Street.

The caboose will serve as a unique tourist information booth. The Chamber of Commerce reached an agreement with the Wasatch Mountain Railway Co. to purchase another caboose for the company in exchange for the attractive red caboose.

It has been placed in the shade of a huge pine tree near the historic Wasatch Stake Tabernacle. The land has been leased to the civic organization by Heber City.

The Chamber of Commerce plan to hire employees and man the booth from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. during the summer months. Winter months will be on a different schedule, not yet decided. Money has been made available to hire the employees through the Mountain Lands Association, according to Jerry Parker, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Bennett Paint Company and Ab's Hardware have agreed to

furnish paint for the caboose, and members of the Chamber of Commerce will apply the paint.

The caboose was set into place Wednesday by Clark Engineering Company of Orem.

Ed McLaughlin, business manager of the Wasatch Mountain Railway Company and Mr. Parker have been instrumental in acquiring the caboose and working out the details of establishing it as a tourist information center.

The need for an information center was made evident last summer when the Mountain Lands information trailer spent

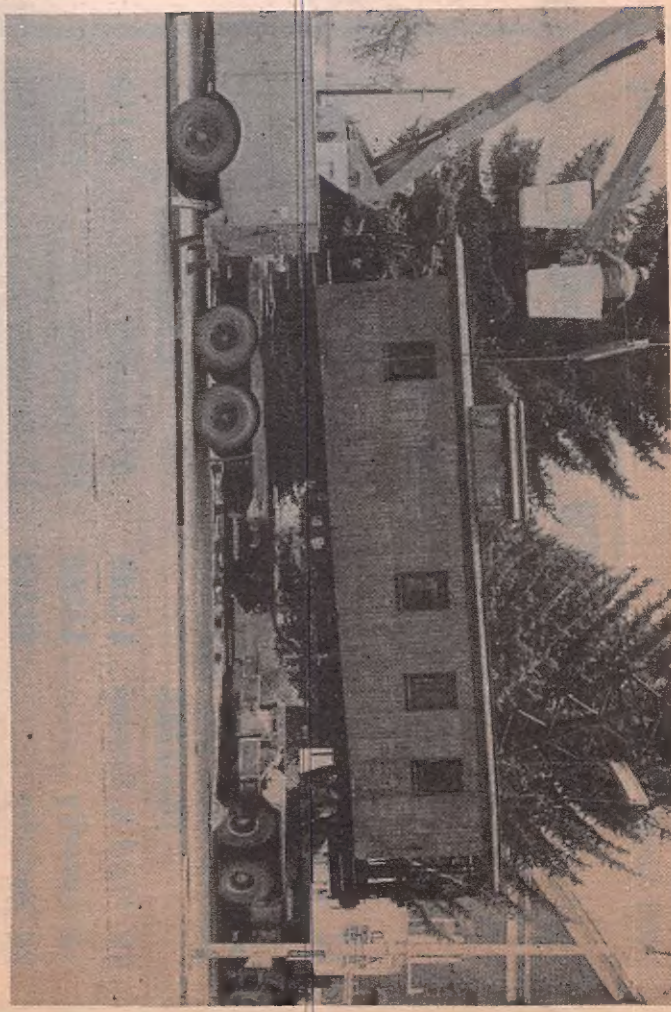
on day in Heber City. More people visited the trailer and requested tourist information than when it was parked in the bush shopping centers in Calif.

A golden spike will be driven in to anchor down the caboose in a special ceremony May 19. The public is invited to join with city and state officials to witness the dedication of the caboose.

An ex Union Pacific caboose, it dates back to 1890 and is the standard freight type.

The ceremony is tentatively set for 12:30 p.m. The event will be followed by a press run of the Heber Creeper.





CABOOSE built in the 1890's is being lowered onto wheels at permanent site in front of the Tabernacle. It is to be restored and will serve as a Tourist Information Center for Wasatch Chamber of Commerce.

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